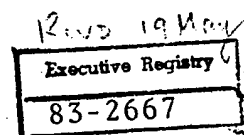


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The Honorable
William J. Casey
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Some of the leaders I met on my trip warned that others are only vaguely aware of the extent of this Soviet military activity on their doorstep. I am told, for example, that in New Zealand important opposition political leaders dismiss talk of a threat as "cold war rhetoric." They should be shown the evidence that we were shown by Bob Long.

The photos I am referring to are classified and thus unavailable for use by our Agency officers. Attempts at the sub-cabinet level at the Pentagon to have them declassified have been unsuccessful. If you could, without danger to our national interest, declassify a half-dozen or so of the Cam Ranh Bay photos in CINCPAC's possession and make them available for use by USIA, we would have them placed in the Asian press and on TV. It would be of great help in our effort to get across the facts about the dangerous growth of Soviet military power and that of their surrogates.

If it is possible to meet this request, could you kindly identify the officer with whom our people could work out the details? I am sending similar letters to Bill Casey and Judge Clark.

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